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Curt Nelson et al.) Date: March 3, 2006
Serial No. 10/801,341)
Confirmation No. 1930) Group Art Unit: 2891
Filed 03/12/2004) Examiner: SARKAR, Asok K.
For: METHOD AND/OR SYSTEM)
FOR FORMING A THIN FILM)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated Jan. 9, 2006 (final office action), please amend the application identified above as follows:

The present amendment is necessitated by the new grounds of rejection of the final office action. This is the first opportunity applicants have had to respond to those new grounds of rejection.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this amendment, including cancellation without prejudice of claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 21 – 23, 27, and 32 – 52, amendment of claims 3 – 5, 7, 10, 12 – 14, 16, 18 – 20, 24 – 26, 28, 31, and 53 – 54, and entry of new claims 55 – 57.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this amendment.